

DESCRIPTION OF TRAILS

- 1. ARCHERY — EASY - .75 miles. This trail has designed stations along the way for testing your archery skills.
- 2. OUTWARD BOUND — MODERATE - 2.05 miles. This trail will take you into a typical stand of Indiana hardwood trees. You will see both an oak-hickory and a beech-maple climax forest. This trail will also allow you to view some of the beautiful backwaters of Hardy Lake.
- 3. CEMETERY TRAIL — EASY - .77 mile. This trail will take you through an oak-hickory climax forest. A major point of interest on this trail is the McClain Cemetery. This family cemetery has headstones dating back to the 1700's.
- 4. ISLAND TRAIL — EASY - 1.91 miles. This trail branches off of either the Cemetery Loop or the Outward Bound Loop. Points of interest include beaver cuttings along the shore line, wildlife food plots, and several areas along the island that overlook the lake.
- 5. HONEYSUCKLE TRAIL — MODERATE - .64 mile. This trail connects Shale Bluff campground with the beach. Passing through different stages of succession you will be able to see a managed pine grove, cedar thickets, tulip poplar trees, as well as a mature forest. Through one section, due to tornado damage, you will even be able to see nature in the act of repairing herself.
- 6. LAKESIDE TRAIL — MODERATE - .52 miles. This loop presents a beautiful view of Hardy Lake. Located along this trail are several bird nesting structures. This trail will also pass by a colony of Allegheny (or mound-building) ants that are always hard at work. This is also a great trail to hike at night to see fireflies and foxfire. You might even hear an owl hooting.

PLEASE STAY ON MARKED TRAILS!

Please let wild animals remain wild. Feeding animals is prohibited. Feeding of wild animals can result in harm to both animals and people. Animals who depend on handouts become a nuisance to visitors and a danger to themselves. Please lock up all food and coolers inside cars or campers. Roll car windows up tightly.

ACTIVITIES AND FACILITIES

**BEACH** — Swimming is available at the unguarded beach during posted hours from Memorial Day through Labor Day. A modern bathhouse provides showers, dressing benches, restrooms and food concessions.

**BOAT RAMPS** — Four launch ramps are located at various points around the lake. Two major ramps are located within the recreation area near Alpha marina.

**CAMPING** — Shale Bluff campground offers 149 Electric sites with asphalt-surfaced roads and gravel pads, electric hookups, water fountains, flush toilets, hot water and showers. The campground features a winterized restroom/showerhouse which operates year-round. A trailer dump station serves the campground. Occupancy is limited to 14 consecutive nights. Wooster campground primarily serves fishermen and primitive campers, and offers 18 Primitive sites. Water is available in the immediate area as well as one pit toilet. A launch ramp is also located adjacent to the campground. Campers are permitted to moor their boats overnight in Wooster Bay. Reservations for all types camping are available through the Central Reservation System.

**FISHING** — Plenty of good fishing available for: bluegill, catfish, crappie largemouth bass and tiger muskie. Fish cleaning stations are available.

**FISHING PIER** — There are two fishing piers, one located south of Alpha marina and the other south of the swimming beach.

**HUNTING** — Hunting of all wildlife species is permitted within the guideline of the Indiana hunting regulations. Waterfowl, squirrels, turkey and deer are the most abundant, however, quail, snipe, woodcock, rabbit, fox, and raccoon are all found on the property. All hunters are required to check in at the reservoir office before hunting.

**INTERPRETIVE & RECREATIONAL PROGRAMS**  
Explore the world of natural resources while enjoying interpretive and recreational programs. Program schedules are available on the website at [www.interpretiveservices.IN.gov](http://www.interpretiveservices.IN.gov) or call (812) 794-3800.

**MARINA** — Located at the Alpha launch ramp. Seasonal mooring is available for boats in open dock slips. Additional services include on-water fuel, modern restrooms and fishing boat rental.

**PICNIC AREAS** — Most areas contain accessible picnic sites, picnic tables, grills, toilet facilities and shelters. Some areas have basketball and horse-shoe pits.

THIS IS YOUR LAKE

All visitors are expected to observe the following rules which are designed to fulfill the purposes for which the state operates reservoir properties, namely, to manage these areas for the enhancement of wildlife and for the use and enjoyment of the people.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

- A person must not conduct or participate in a fishing tournament on a reservoir property administered by the division of state parks and reservoirs except under a license.
- A person must not launch, dock, or moor a watercraft or another floating device, except for approved periods and at sites designated by the department for those purposes. A watercraft shall not be left unattended in a courtesy dock.
- Any firearm (except validly licensed handguns)BB gun, air gun, CO2 gun, bow and arrow, or spear gun in possession in a state park must be unloaded or un-nocked and stored in a case or locked within a vehicle except when participating in an activity authorized by written permit.
- A person who possesses a pet must keep the animal caged or on a leash no more than six feet and attended at all times.
- There shall be no vending or advertising without permission of the Department of Natural Resources.
- Camping is permitted only in the campground. Youth groups must be under adult supervision.
- Fires shall be built only in places provided.
- Please comply with the Carry In/Carry Out trash policy in all day use areas. Overnight guests must put waste in receptacles provided for that purpose.
- Motorists will observe speed limits as posted, and park in designated areas. 25 m.p.h. maximum.
- A person must not possess or consume an alcoholic beverage at the swimming beach.
- Drinking water should be taken only from pumps, hydrants or fountains provided for that purpose. This water is tested regularly for purity.
- Report lost or found articles to the property office.
- Feeding of wildlife is prohibited.
- Use of metal detectors is prohibited.

For a complete list of rules and regulations inquire at property office.

CENTRAL RESERVATION SYSTEMS

Reservations for all types of camping, family cabins, and shelters at state parks, reservoirs and forests can be made by going online or use the toll free number.

[www.camp.IN.gov](http://www.camp.IN.gov)  
**1-866-6campIN**  
(1-866-622-6746)



Reservations for the Indiana State Park Inns and Inn-operated cabins can be made by going online or use the toll free number.

[www.indianainns.com](http://www.indianainns.com)  
**1-877-lodges1**  
(1-877-563-4371)



Please carry out all trash you produce in order to keep your property clean and beautiful for others to enjoy!

FOR MORE INFORMATION



**Write:** Hardy Lake  
4171 E Harrod Road  
Scottsburg, Indiana 47170-8438

**Mapping Address:** 5620 North Hardy Lake Road  
Scottsburg, Indiana 47170-8438

**Call:** (812) 794--3800

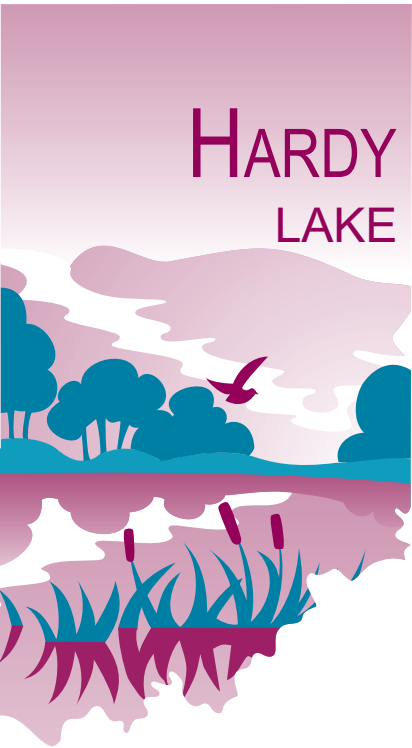


SPECIAL NOTE

Receipts from admission and service charges are used to help defray the operation and maintenance costs of the lake. List of fees available in the lake office.

The Programs, services, facilities, and activities of the Indiana Department of Natural Resources are available to everyone. DNR prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, sex, or disability. If you believe that you have been discriminated against in any program, activity, or facility as described above, or if you desire further information please write to: Department of Natural Resources, Executive Office, 402 W. Washington Street, Room W256, Indianapolis, IN 46204, (317) 232-4020.

INDIANA



Located in Scott and Jefferson counties, Hardy Lake is accessible from State Roads 256 and 3. Situated in scenic southeastern Indiana, Hardy Lake is the smallest state operated reservoir. The dam was constructed on Quick's Creek in 1970 for the purpose of water supply and outdoor recreation. Hardy Lake was constructed in accordance with a long range program developed by the Stucker Fork Conservancy District of Scott County to provide water for the surrounding community.

The property's total acreage consists of 2,449 including water surface area of 741 acres. Unlike most reservoirs, a stable pool elevation is maintained throughout the year. Hardy Lake is owned and operated by the Indiana Department of Natural Resources.

Surrounding areas also, have a lot to offer to the person who enjoys outdoor activities. Muscatatuck National Wildlife

Refuge is located to the north, Crosley Fish and Wildlife Area to the northeast and Clifty Falls State Park to the east. Heading in the other directions, you'll find Starve Hollow SRA and Jackson-Washington state forests to the west with Clark State Forest to the southwest.

DAM

Type	Earth fill
Maximum height	52 feet
Length	376 feet,
Base width	340 feet maximum
Drainage area above dam	12 square miles

OPERATING LEVELS

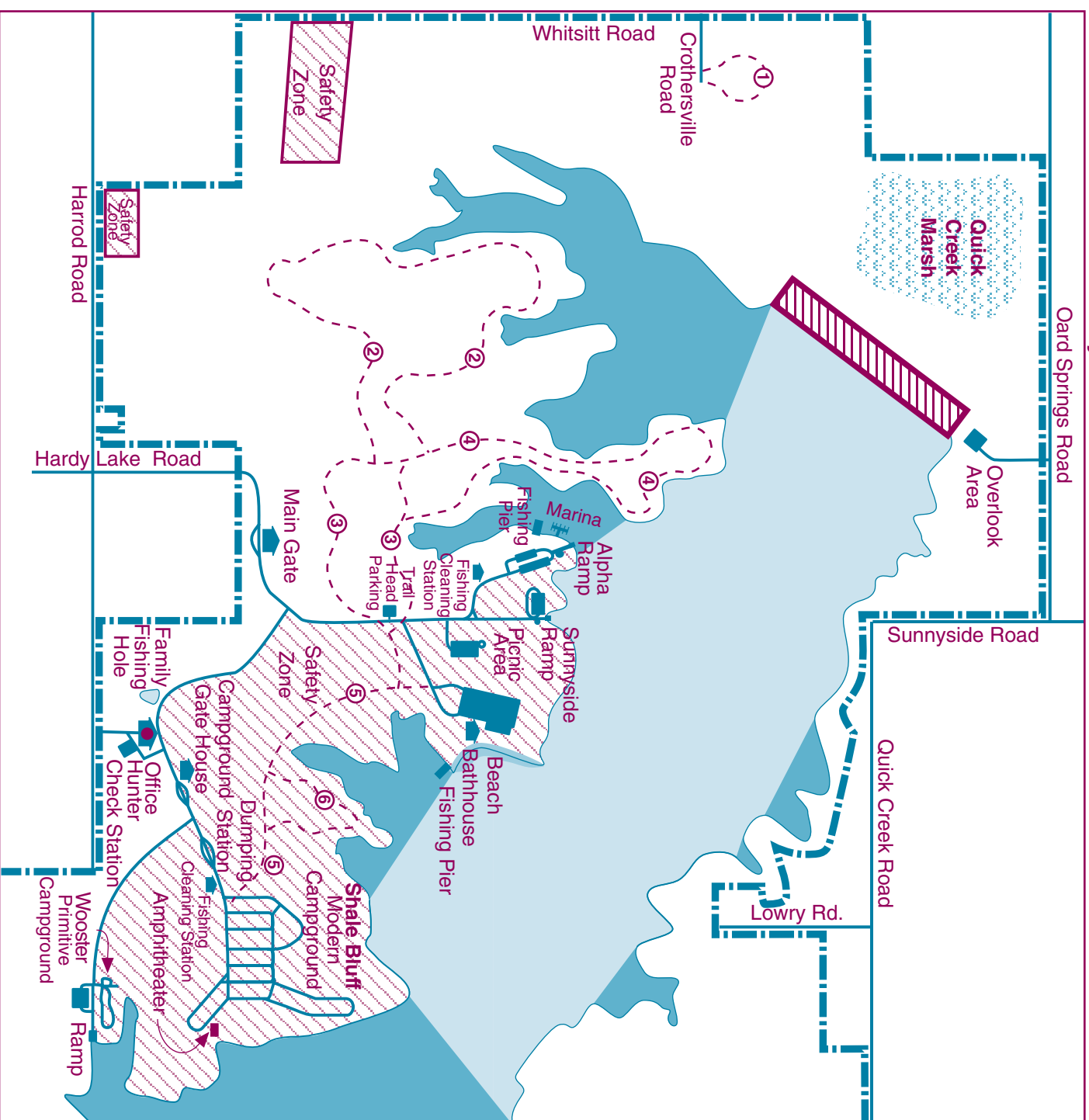
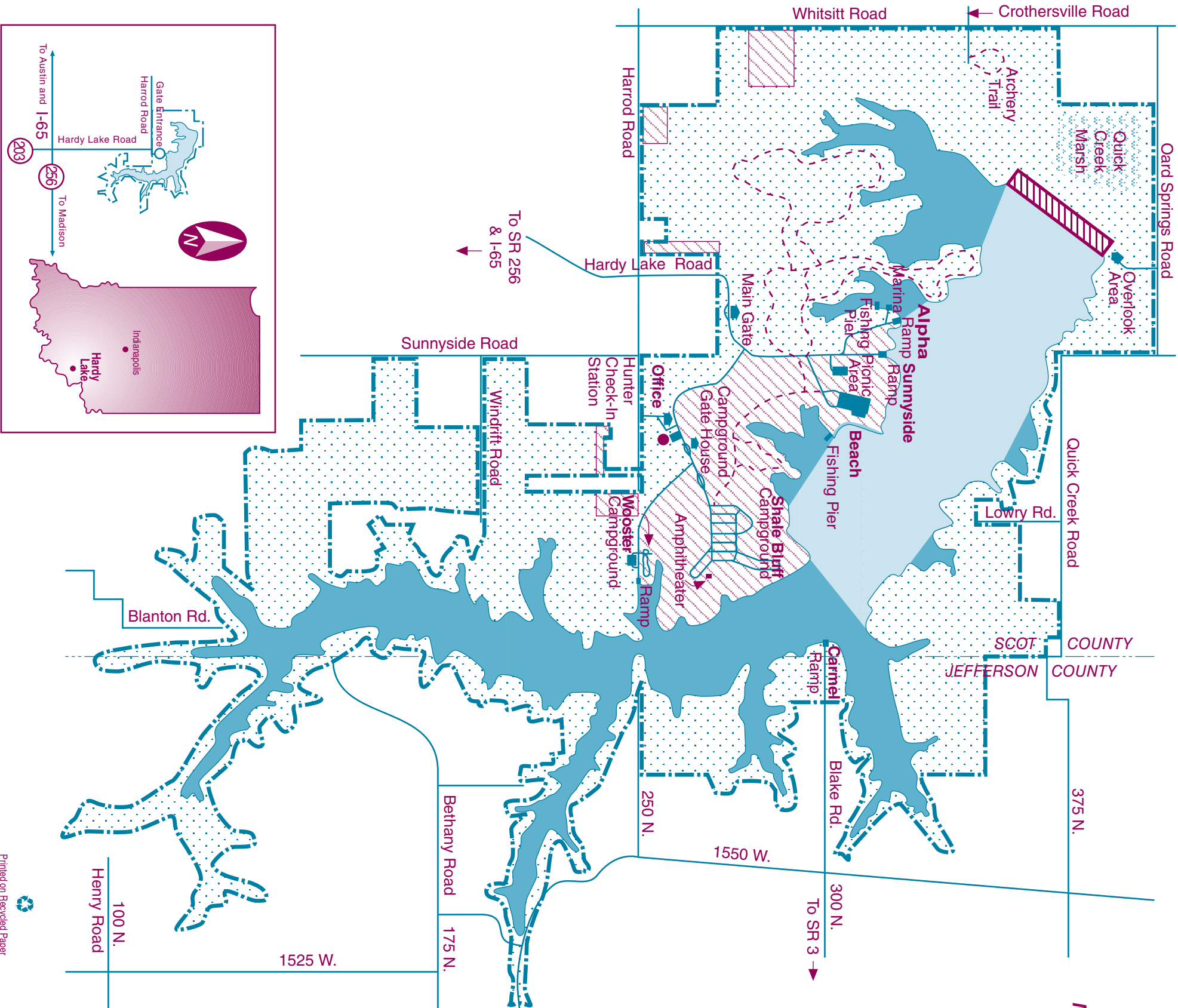
	Elevation (Feet mean sea level)	Area (Acres)
Normal Pool	600	741
Flood Pool	605	876






Hardy Lake has the largest dam owned by the State of Indiana.

# HARDY LAKE

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# Hardy Lake State Recreation Area



LEGEND		
	Road	Telephone
	Hiking Trail	Boundary
	Hunter Sign-in Station	State Recreation Area
	Safety Zone	
	Idle Zone	

TRAIL TABLE		
TRAIL	MILEAGE	TRAIL TYPE
1 Archery	.75	Easy
2 Outward Bound	2.05	Moderate
3 Cemetery	.77	Easy
4 Island	1.91	Moderate
5 Honeysuckle	.64	Moderate
6 Lakeside	.52	Moderate